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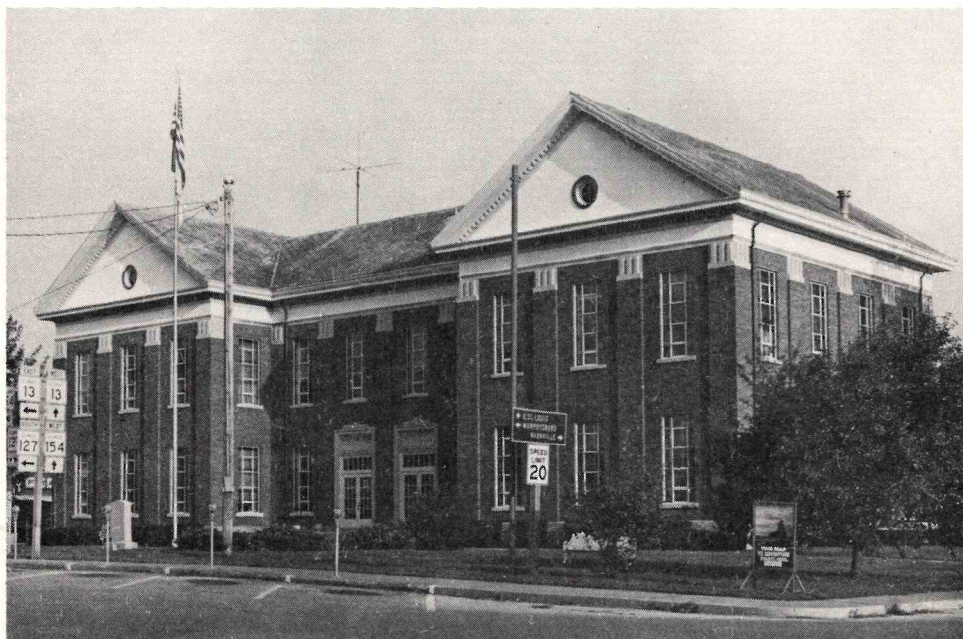
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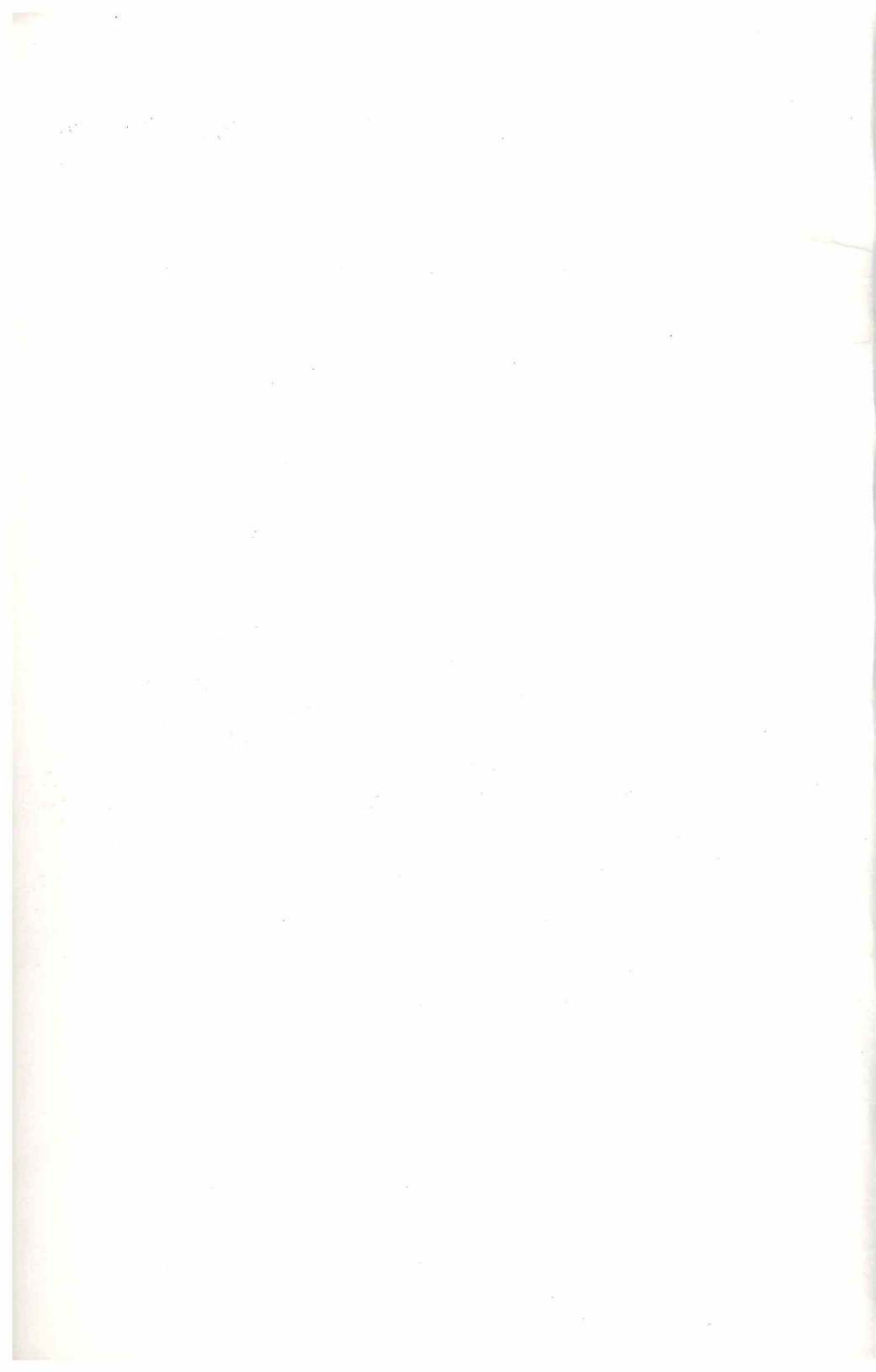
PERRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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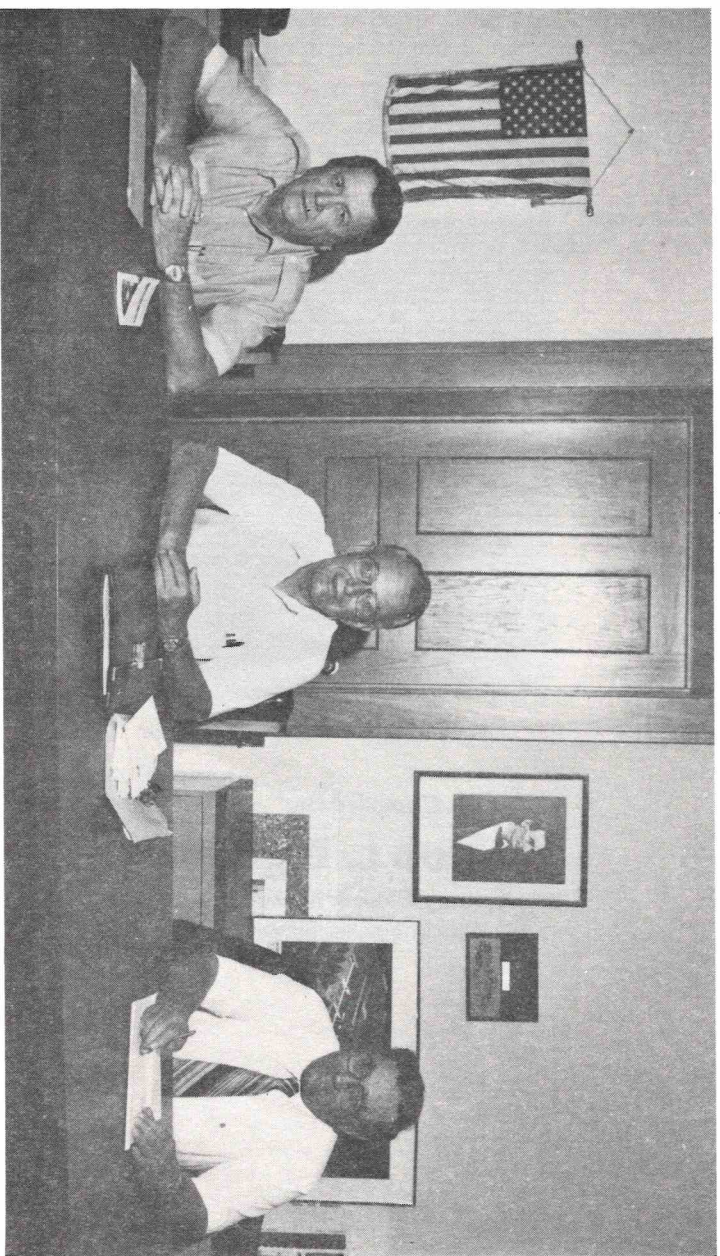


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## **Perry County Board of Commissioners**



Left to Right: Tom Moss, Member; Vic Provart, Chairman of Board; Gene Rodely, Member.

# **Reference & Year Book**

## **Perry County, Illinois**

Containing a List of  
National Executive Officers, Illinois Executive Officers  
and County Officers, also a list of other important items  
of interest.

**Victor O. Provart**

Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

**Tom Moss**

Member

**Gene Rodely**

Member



## **The County Courthouse "Bastion of Liberty"**

By Reagan Brown

As you travel the roads of Illinois, in fact throughout the land,  
You'll come to towns called county seats  
Where an impressive building stands  
It's called the county courthouse, that's the title which she bears.  
Proud guardian of the records of the people's hopes and cares.  
Her lawn may have a statue of a boy in grey or blue,  
And if she's somewhat modern and perhaps a little new,  
It may be a 1918 doughboy of a lad of World War II.  
She's the emblem of our freedom, this building on the square,  
With her clock and sometimes pigeons, as she looks so peaceful there.  
It's the place where names are recorded, when baby comes to make us glad.  
And here the last notation is written when death's angel makes us sad.  
It's the place the youngsters head for, when they prepare to say, I vow.  
And it's the showdown place for trouble, that wrinkles many a brow.  
It's the bastion of our freedom, where it may be jail or bail,  
And it's where neighbor judges neighbor on justice lawful scale.  
Here you will find the judge, and sheriff and of course you will note the  
clerks,  
It's America's best example of how "grass roots democracy" works.  
A salute to the county courthouse, and a lusty cheer,  
For a symbol of our freedom and the traditions we hold so dear.  
Perhaps it's wrong for poets to give her a feminine touch,  
But in a way she mothers things that touch our lives so much,  
God bless the county courthouse, and please always keep it near,  
Lord keep it always open, and keep its purpose clear.

## **PERRY COUNTY PROFILE**

Perry County, Illinois has a 1980 population of 21,714 covers 439 square miles and is located in the accessible proximity of the metro-east area. Perry County has six municipalities ranging in population from 280 to 6,500 persons, with 56% of the population living in the urban areas. Perry County, is one of the state's leading coal mining counties. The major employees are manufacturing, trade, agriculture, mining and services.

Approximately 45% of the population is between the ages of 21-65. The 1981 work force was over 10,000 persons, while the average 1981 unemployment rate was 11.8% with approximately 1,100 persons able for employment. The 1979 net migration rate for the county was 3.6%. Approximately 13% of the population is poverty classified. There are 8,900 housing units in the county, of which 17% are classified as substandard.

## **Transportation**

Perry County has 782 miles of highway, including 100 miles of state and 121 miles of county. The county is served by U.S. Route 51, Illinois Routes 13, 14, 127, 152 and 154. The county has one airport without passenger services. However, passenger service is available at both Carbondale and Marion.

## **Public Health and Safety**

The county provides 115 hospital beds at two hospital facilities, and is located in proximity to the Regional Trauma Center facilities at Carbondale Mt. Vernon and Centralia. The county is served by three public and four private ambulance services. Public health services are also available through the Perry County Health Department. Family practice, adolescent health, neonatology and diagnostic radiology are services which are available and accessible.

## **Educational Services**

Perry County has excellent access to educational facilities and services. In addition to the community schools at the primary and secondary level. The county is located in both the John A. Logan Community College and Rend Lake Community College Districts. In addition, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is located some 35 miles away.

## **SOME FACTS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF PERRY COUNTY**

Perry County was created by an act of the legislative of the State of Illinois at its fifth session held in the State Capitol building in Vandalia, beginning December 4, 1826 and ending February 19, 1827. The act was approved January 29, 1827 by Ninian Edwards, Governor.

The first appointed office holder in the county was Humphrey B. Jones. Mr. Jones was appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court on February 19, 1827 by T. W. Smith, Associate Judge of the Supreme Court. Mr. Jones' first responsibility was call and hold an election in the County of Perry. Election was to elect three County Commissioners, a Sheriff and a Coroner.

Elected County Commissioners were John R. Hutching, David H. Mead, and Elijah Wells; Joseph Wells, Sheriff; and Amos Anderson, Coronor. All elected officials were sworn in June 4, 1827. Their first act was to appoint Humphrey B. Jones, County Clerk and Daniel Dry, County Treasurer. Governor Ninian Edwards then appointed Humphrey B. Jones as Recorder in Perry County. This completed the organization of the new County.

The County Commissioners appointed a three (3) man committee to select a site for a County Courthouse. The committee recommended that the best site would be the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 24 in Township 5 Range 3 containing 80 acres. The Board accepted the recommendation. The site of 80 acres was purchased for \$100.00 and 20 acres was to be surveyed in tracts and lots, streets and alleys with a public square. The original plat of Pinckneyville was executed July 21, 1829 and recorded in the Office of Recorder in Deed Record A on page 39 where by under this act of the Legislature creating the County, it was provided the County Seat should be named Pinckneyville.

A public sale of lots was ordered and in early 1828, 24 lots were sold for \$1,223.28 for an average of \$50.95 each.

Records show other towns and villages were incorporated as follows:

Pinckneyville .....	7/21/1829
Du Quoin .....	9/20/1853
Tamaroa .....	5/14/1855
St. Johns .....	9/29/1856
Sunfield (Unincorp.) .....	6/28/1866
Swanwick (Unincorp.) .....	5/27/1871
Cutler .....	2/25/1873
Willisville .....	9/8/1893

The first Courthouse was built on the southeast corner of Lot 32 in the Original Survey of Pinckneyville. This is where Law Office of Hohlt, House, DeMoss and Johnson Law Office is located. This building was completed September, 1828. Adjoining the Courthouse was an enclosure for penning up stray horses, cows, hogs and anything caught running loose.

The second Courthouse was completed in the fall of 1837. It was a two story building built where the present Courthouse stands taking two years for construction and a cost of \$1,765.00 Several protests were heard due to the excessive cost to the taxpayer.

The third Courthouse was completed December 3, 1850 at a cost of \$7,500.00. The Courthouse was again remodeled and added to at a cost of \$9,742.00. This was completed on April 10, 1897.



The present Courthouse was added to and remodeled again in 1938 and 1939. This time the cost was \$52,754.00.

Adding all these figures together, the Courthouse in Perry County has only cost the local people \$71,761.00.

## **Dates To Remember**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners at the present time are meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:00 A.M. in the Board Meeting room on the lower level. The Board of Commissioners can adjourn for a Special Meeting at anytime between regular meetings. The Chairman of the Board can call a Special Meeting by giving 24 hour notice or the other two members can request a Special Meeting by requesting in writing to the County Clerk of the need for the call. The County Clerk must notify the news media of the Special Meeting call.

The year is divided into four (4) quarters; spring, summer, fall and winter. The Board adjourns Sine Die on the last Friday before the third Monday of each quarter ending in March, June, September, and December.

In addition, the County Board of Commissioners are required by Law to meet on the second Monday of July at 10:00 A.M.

The County Board meetings are open to the public and anyone may appear before the Board for any problem or request that they feel they want to present to the Board. The County Clerk is the official keeper of the minutes for the Board.

The County Board of Commissioners are also the Board of Review, assessments complaints are filed with the County Assessor, it becomes the duty of the Board of Review to personally inspect where the complaint is and make discussion if adjustments are to be made.

When the Board of Review adjourns, they certify the County Assessor's Tax Valuation Books and they are then turned over to the County Clerk for tax extension purposes.

## **Perry County Jail**

I am sure you have heard the song "This Old House Won't Stand Much Longer," this applies to our county jail.

No accurate date has been found that can establish the real age of the jail, however, it has been established beyond doubt that it is one of the oldest in the State being around 125 years old.

Many years ago the jail was considered an ancient structure beyond repair and considerable money was being spent for upkeep. Several Grand Jury investigations have recommended building a new jail for Perry County at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars.

In 1971 and 1972, the Perry County Board of Commissioners made considerable repairs to the jail by securing a grant and using County funds to supplement the grant.

The jail was tuck pointed, a new roof was put on. Inside a complete overhaul was made. The Sheriff's residence was moved out. Full-time jailers now keep constant surveillance on prisoners.

County Radio services for police, fire and other emergencies are located in the County jail including modern monitoring equipment.

Other officers with space in the County Jail building are General Assistance, Probation Officer, and the Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Office. At the present, the State Department of Corrections is threatening to close the jail due to its present conditions.

So, the next time we write about our jail, we may write a short note that our old jail that has served Perry County for so many years, is closed by State regulations.

## **National Government**

### **Executive**

Ronald W. Reagan, President

George Bush, Vice-President

### **Members of the Cabinet**

Hon. George Schultz	Secretary of State
Hon. Donald T. Regan	Secretary of the Treasury
Hon. Casper Willard Weinberger	Secretary of Defense
Hon. William French Smith	Attorney General
Hon. James Gaius Watt	Secretary of the Interior
Hon. John R. Block	Secretary of Agriculture
Hon. Malcolm Baldrige	Secretary of Commerce
Hon. Raymond J. Donovan	Secretary of Labor
Hon. Richard S. Schweiker	Secretary of Health and Human Services

Hon. Samuel R. Pierce, Jr. ....	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Hon. Andrew L. Lewis, Jr. ....	Secretary of Transportation
Hon. James B. Edwards ....	Secretary of Energy
Hon. T. H. Bell ....	Secretary of Education
Hon. John Marsh ....	Secretary of Army
Hon. John Lehman ....	Secretary of Navy
Hon. Vern Orr ....	Secretary of Air Force

## **Legislative**

United States Senators

(Terms, Six Years)

(Term Expires 1985)

Charles H. Percy, Republican  
Kenilworth, Illinois

(Term Expires 1986)

Alan J. Dixon, Democrat  
Belleville, Illinois

## **Representatives In Congress**

22nd Congressional District

(Terms, Two Years)

Paul Simon, Democrat ..... Carbondale, Illinois

## **State Government**

### **Executive**

James R. Thompson, Republican .....	Governor
	Lieutenant Governor
Jim Edgar, Republican .....	Secretary of State
Roland W. Burris, Democrat .....	Comptroller
Jerome A. Consentino, Democrat .....	State Treasurer
Tyrone Fahner, Republican .....	Attorney General
Donald Gill .....	Superintendent of Education
Clell L. Woods .....	Clerk of Supreme Court

### **State Senator**

58th Senatorial District

Kenneth V. Buzbee, Democrat ..... Carbondale

## **State Representative**

115th District

Ralph Dunn, Republican . . . . . Du Quoin

## **Elected County Officers**

County Clerk & Recorder . . . . . Winton L. Bigham  
Circuit Clerk . . . . . Robert L. Phipps  
Treasurer & County Collector . . . . . Frank L. Mangin  
Sheriff . . . . . Jerry Woolsey  
State's Attorney . . . . . Gerald Sims, Jr.  
Superintendent of Educational Service Region . . . . . Donald D. Stricklin  
Coroner . . . . . F. M. "Frank" Maxton  
County Board Chairman . . . . . Victor O. Provart  
Member County Board . . . . . Tom Moss  
Member County Board . . . . . Gene Rodely

## **Appointed County Officers**

Superintendent of Highways . . . . . Roy A. Smith, Sr.  
Supervisor of Assessment . . . . . John Hammack  
County General Assistance Supervisor . . . . . Eric V. Pflanz  
Animal Health Warden . . . . . Delmar Stephens  
Probation Officer . . . . . Vicki Suttle  
County Rabies Inspector . . . . . Dr. J. A. Bates

## **General Information About Obtaining A Delayed Birth Certificate**

When a person has checked with the County Clerk's Office for a birth certificate and finds that it was not recorded, then an application for a delayed birth certificate can be applied for. At least two (2) proofs must accompany the application which states the name of the child, date of birth, place of birth, name of the father and maiden name of the mother. These proofs can be an old family Bible record, a baptismal certificate if the child was baptized before the age of 10 years, a school record, an affidavit of a relative that is older or if parents are living, they can sign the affidavit, or a certified copy of a marriage application of the person who is applying for the birth certificate.

After the application for the delayed birth certificate has been filled out and properly attested to, it is submitted to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Springfield. If all the information is in proper form, the delayed birth certificate is issued and returned to the County Clerk's Office and filed in the Delayed Birth Records.

The County Clerk's Office is the keeper of birth, death, and marriage records and the only place a certified copy of the same can be secured. A certified copy of either costs \$3.00 payable in advance and can be picked up in person or requested by mail.

## **County Clerks of Perry County, Illinois**

The following is a list of County Clerks of Perry County, Illinois dating from the first County Clerk elected to the present.

All the County Clerks terms were for 4 years and have continued as such.

Winton L. Bigham .....	1970-
Frank W. Keith .....	1942-1970
Mervin Eaton .....	1930-1942
H. H. Baughman .....	1918-1930
W. A. Bommersheim .....	1914-1918
H. R. Sims .....	1910-1914
J. G. Taffee .....	1894-1910
R. G. Williams .....	1890-1894
W. S. D. Smith .....	1874-1890
Carrol Harriss .....	1870-1874
L. T. Ross .....	1866-1870
David M. Hoge .....	1862-1866
John W. Pyatt .....	1854-1862
N. L. Kelley .....	1850-1854
C. L. Starbuck .....	1848-1850
John O. Burklow .....	1840-1848
H. B. Jones .....	1827-1840

## **Clerks of the Circuit Court, Perry County**

Robert Phipps .....	1964-
Lloyd Edwards .....	1960-1964
Dyer Campbell .....	1944-1960



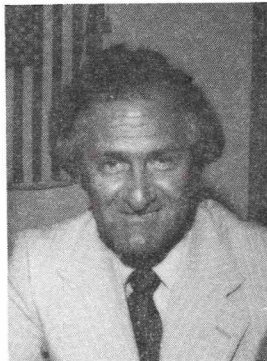
## Elected Cou



Winton L. Bigham 1970-  
County Clerk and Recorder  
County Election Authority



Robert L. Phipps 1966-  
Clerk of  
Circuit Court

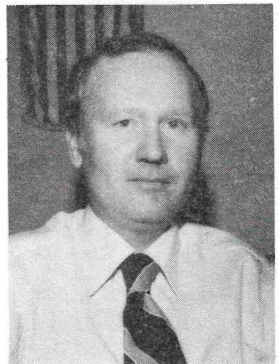


F. M. (Frank) Maxton 1972-  
Coroner



Jerry W. Wo  
She

## Appointe



Roy A. Smith, Sr. 1973-  
County Superintendent  
of Highways

## County Officials



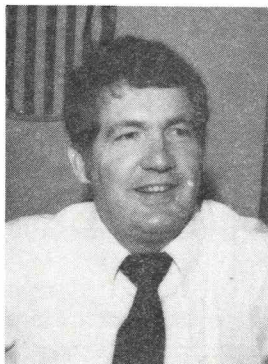
Frank L. Mangin 1981-  
Treasurer and  
County Collector



Gerald A. Sims, Jr. 1980-  
States Attorney



Wickley 1978-  
[illegible]



Don Stricklin 1978-  
Regional Superintendent  
of Schools  
Jackson and Perry Counties

## Officials



John Hammack 1980-  
Supervisor of  
Assessments

Alva Engert . . . . .	1944
Gene Kellerman . . . . .	1940-1944
Hugo Dudenbostel . . . . .	1939-1940
Victor Shade . . . . .	1932-1939
Henry Schaub . . . . .	1924-1932
John DeWitt Roe . . . . .	1911-1924
Charles H. Ross . . . . .	1908-1911
James M. Pyatt . . . . .	1904-1908
Albert Driemeyer . . . . .	1892-1904
Charles Roe . . . . .	1867-1892
James M. Brown . . . . .	1864-1867
Evan Rushing . . . . .	1856-1864
James Montag . . . . .	1852-1856
Lewis Hammack . . . . .	1848-1852
Charles Starbuck . . . . .	1847-1848
Andrew Dickinson . . . . .	1843-1847
Marmaduke S. Ferguson . . . . .	1843
Humphrey Jones . . . . .	1827-1843

## Sheriffs of Perry County

Jerry Woolsey . . . . .	1978-
Eddie N. Rainwater . . . . .	1970-1978
Norman Brostmeyer . . . . .	1966-1970
John Barber . . . . .	1962-1966
Tom O'Keefe . . . . .	1958-1962
Joe Shirk . . . . .	1954-1958
Craig Templeton . . . . .	1950-1954
Tom O'Keefe . . . . .	1946-1950
Emil (Buck) Boquillon . . . . .	1942-1946
Howard W. Lee . . . . .	1938-1942
Robert J. Ozburn . . . . .	1934-1938
Albert C. Davis . . . . .	1930-1934
Thomas H. Thimming . . . . .	1926-1930
Albert C. Davis . . . . .	1922-1926
Thomas H. Thimming . . . . .	1918-1922
J. Quinn Charlton . . . . .	1914-1918
Samuel T. Duncan . . . . .	1910-1914
Dempsey Winthrop . . . . .	1906-1910
Henry R. Winthrop . . . . .	1902-1906
John J. King . . . . .	1896-1902
John S. Winthrop . . . . .	1894-1896
George W. Clark . . . . .	1890-1894
Thomas Penwarden . . . . .	1886-1890
Ralph G. Williams . . . . .	1882-1886

Thomas Penwarden .....	1880-1882
Edwin M. Harriss .....	1876-1880
Leonard T. Ross .....	1872-1876
Samuel A. Baird .....	1870-1872
Daniel W. Dry .....	1868-1870
J. Carroll Harriss .....	1866-1868
William C. Leslie .....	1864-1866
James F. Mason .....	1862-1864
Albert A. Clymer .....	1860-1862
James J. Hoge .....	1858-1860
David M. Hoge .....	1856-1858
John D. Reese .....	1854-1856
David M. Hoge .....	1852-1854
John W. Pyatt .....	1850-1852
David M. Hoge .....	1846-1850
Laban C. Jones .....	1844-1846
Abner K. Pyle .....	1843-1844
John Steele .....	1840-1843
Matthew Jones .....	1836-1840
William C. Murphy .....	1827-1836

## Perry County Treasurers

Until 1971 The County Treasurer Was Also The County Assessor

Frank L. Mangin .....	1981-
Wm. C. Heisner .....	(First to succeed himself) 1970-1981
John Barber .....	1966-1970
Ruben Eisen .....	1962-1966
Joe Shirk .....	1958-1962
Theodore Croessman .....	1954-1958
E. J. McElvain .....	1950-1954
Theodore Croessman .....	1946-1950
T. Lewis Wood .....	1942-1946
James W. Cunningham .....	1938-1942
George A. Miller .....	1936-1938
Linnie A. Blackburn .....	1935-1936
W. A. Blackburn .....	1934-1935
W. T. Morriss .....	1930-1934
Albert C. Davis .....	1926-1930
John H. Stumpe .....	1922-1926
Samuel N. Hunter .....	1918-1922
Samuel T. Duncan .....	1914-1918
William Brey .....	1910-1914
Edward Flynn .....	1906-1910



George Robb .....	1902-1906
James Archibald .....	1898-1902
Jonah Flavell .....	1894-1898
J. W. Haines .....	1890-1894
John Brown .....	1886-1890
John Hafley .....	1882-1886
Josiah W. Haines .....	1879-1882
John Patterson .....	1873-1879
James C. Kimzey .....	1865-1871
L. T. Ross (Leonard) .....	1863-1865
Johnson C. Harriss .....	1861-1863
Samuel King .....	1855-1861
John McClure .....	1852-1855
John Moore .....	1850-1852
James M. Montagne .....	1848-1850
Samuel Eaton .....	1847-1848
Benjamin Hammack .....	1846-1847
David M. Hoge .....	1845-1846
Luther Beal .....	1843-1845
John D. Burklow .....	1841-1843
Lewis Staten .....	1840-1841
George O. Hotchkiss (First elected by the people) .....	1839-1840
Joshua M. Rice .....	1836-1839
David H. Mead .....	1833-1836
Samuel Pyatt .....	1832-1833
John R. Hutchings .....	1830-1832
Richard G. Murphy .....	1829-1830
Daniel Dry .....	1827-1829

## Perry County Commissioners

1981-1982

Vic Provart, Tom Moss, Gene Rodely

1979-1980

Vic Provart, John Barber, Tom Moss

1976-1978

John Barber, Ron Shirk, Vic Provart

1974-1975

Vallie West, John Barber, Vic Provart

1972-1973

John Rednour, Vallie West, Vic Provart

1970-1971

John Rednour, Vallie West, Steve Reel

1968-1969

Steve Reel, John Rednour, Lawrence Brock



1967  
Steve Reel, Lloyd Lodge, Lawrence Brock

1966  
Glenn Martin, Lloyd Lodge, Steve Reel

1965  
Glenn Martin, Lloyd Lodge, Dale Schwinn

1964  
Eddie Rainwater, Dale Schwinn, Glenn Martin

1963  
Henry Eisenhower, Dale Schwinn, Eddie Rainwater

1961-1962  
Eddie Rainwater, Albert Benson, Jr., Henry Eisenhower

1960  
Edgar Ohlau, Albert Benson, Jr., Henry Eisenhower

1959  
John Emling, Henry Eisenhower, Edgar Ohlau

1958  
Thomas Torrens, John Emling, Henry Eisenhower

1957  
Thomas Torrens, Leo Hindman, John Emling

1954-1956  
Leo Hindman, Thomas Torrens, Dave Looney

1953  
Harry Brown, Leo Hindman, Thomas Torrens

1952  
Leo Hindman, Robert Shook, Sr., Harry Brown

1950-1951  
Edward Morgenstern, Harry Brown, Robert Shook

1949  
Albert Teabeau, Harry Brown, Edward Morgenstern

1948  
Theodore Hubler, Harry Brown, Albert Teabeau

1947  
Theodore Hubler, Albert Teabeau, Walter Krone

1946  
Walter Krone, Theodore Hubler, John Winthrop

1945  
L.O. Robb, John Winthrop, Walter Krone

1944  
W. H. Pierce, L. O. Robb, John Winthrop

1943  
C. O. Wellington, L. O. Robb, John Winthrop

1942

C. O. Wellington, W. H. Pierce, J. M. Pillers

1941

Allen Rountree, Walter Bartle, C. O. Wellington

1938-1940

Edgar Provart, Allen Rountree, Walter Bartle

1936-1937

W. J. Miller, Allen Rountree, Walter Bartle

1935

Edgar Provart, Walter Bartle, Wm. Miller

1934

A. A. Hampleman, Edgar Provart, Walter Bartle

1933

Fred Pundsack, A. A. Hampleman, Edgar Provart

1931-1932

Fred Reiss, Fred Pundsack, A. A. Hampleman

1930

A. A. Hampleman, Fred Reiss, F. M. Norton

1929

David Thompson, A. A. Hampleman, Fred Reiss

1927-1928

A. A. Hampleman, John Golden, David Thompson

1926

James Archibald, David Thompson, Arthur Hampleman

1923-1925

Matt Robb, James Archibald, David Thompson

1921-1922

P. H. Walker, John McLaughlin, James Archibald

1919-1920

John Nealy, P. H. Walker, John McLaughlin

1918

Jabez Brown, Thomas Thimmig, John Nealy

1917

Randolph Bishop, Jabez Brown, Thomas Thimmig

1914-1916

Uriah Wendell, Randolph Bishop, Jabez Brown

1913

Charles Seibert, Louis Croessman, Jabez Brown

1912

Mike Birkner, Charles Seibert, Louis Croessman

1907-1911

Louis Croessman, Charles Seibert, Mike Birkner

1904-1906

Porter Baird, Louis Croessman, H. W. Adams

1903

H. P. Provart, H. W. Adams, Louis Croessman

1902

H. H. Kimmel, H. P. Provart, H. W. Adams

1901

James Fulton, H. H. Kimmel, H. P. Provart

1900

George Robb, James Fulton, H. A. Kimmel

1899

J. N. Gore, Zeb Hampleman, J. T. Marlow

1898

Porter Baird, George Robb, James Fulton

1897

George Robb, Charles Seibert, Porter Baird

1895-1896

James Pyatt, George Robb, Charles Seibert

1894

William Smith, Charles Seibert, James Pyatt

1893

E. G. Brune, William Smith, Charles Seibert

1892

N. W. Maclin, E. F. Brune, William Smith

1891

J. H. Ward, N. W. Maclin, E. F. Brune

1890

Lewis Treffs, J. H. Ward, N. W. Maclin

1889

William Walker, Lewis Treffs, J. H. Ward

1888

Alvah Blauchard, William Walker, Lewis Treffs

1887

William Davis, Alvah Blauchard, W. J. Walker

1884-1886

Silas Ross, William Davis, Alvah Blauchard

1883

Thomas Stevenson, John Pyatt, Alvah Blauchard

1879-1882

Thomas Stevenson, Lysias Heape, John W. Pyatt

1876-1878

Lysias Heape, John W. Pyatt, John Baird

1875

John Schneider, John W. Pyatt, John Baird

1874

John Pyatt, John Baird, Elihu Onstott

1872-1873

John Baird, Elihu Onstott, Charles Guemalley

1870-1871

Charles Winthrop, J. L. Primm, James Ervin

1866-1869

William Elston, J. L. Primm, E. J. Rees

1862-1865

Henry Hampleman, William Craig, E. J. Rees

1857-1861

William Elston, Ephriam Rees, James Primm

1854-1856

Henry Hampleman, William Craig, Samuel McCluer

1853

Laban Jones, Jonathon Clark, John Pyle

1851-1852

Hosea Straight, Richard Williams, Peter Wilkes

1850

Hosea Straight, Richard Williams, Edward Whipple

1848-1849

Issac Bradley, Joel Rushing, Reuben Dye

1847

Henry Hampleman, Issac Bradley, Joel Rushing

1844-1846

Enoch Eaton, Henry Hampleman, Issac Bradley

1843

Enoch Eaton, Abner Pyle, Isaac Bradley

1841-1842

Jonathon Clarke, Enoch Eaton, Abner Pyle

1840

Richard Davis, Enoch Eaton, Jonathon Clarke

1839

G. W. Hutchings, Enoch Eaton, R. G. Davis

1836-1838

John Reid, Jacob Short, N. G. Curlee

1835

Samuel Pyatt, Daniel Dry, William Edwards

1832-1834

Daniel Dry, Samuel Pyatt, Benjamin Hammack

1831

Abner Keith, Elijah Wells, Joseph Wells

1830

William Johnson, Joseph Wells, Abner Keith

1828-1829

William H. Threlkel, William Johnson, John Pyle, Jr.

1827

John R. Hutchings, Elijah Wells, David H. Mead

## **Instructions For Obtaining A Marriage License In Perry County**

### **Where to Apply:**

Office of Winton L. Bigham, Perry County Clerk

Perry County Courthouse

Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday

### **When to Apply:**

Both parties **MUST** appear at the County Clerk's office, each bringing with them a Physician's Certificate. The Physician's Certificate must be dated and not more than 15 days old when the application is made.

### **Important:**

Persons obtaining a marriage license in Perry County **MAY NOT** use the license in any other county. The license must be obtained at least one day prior to being used. The license is void 60 days after the effective date.

### **Fee:**

The fee for a marriage license is \$25.00 **CASH-NO CHECKS ACCEPTED**, effective January 1, 1982.

### **Qualifications for Residents of the State of Illinois:**

Age Requirements:

In order to be married in Illinois without parental consent, you must be at least 18 years of age. If you are 16 or 17 years of age, **BOTH PARENTS** must sign a parental consent form in the County Clerk's office, if not possible for your parents to sign in this office, it may be done before the County Clerk in your parents county.

### **Proof of Age:**

It will be necessary to show proof of age when applying for a marriage license if you are less than 18 years.



## **Medical Examination:**

The State of Illinois requires that both parties to a marriage must have a Physician's Certificate at the time of the application for a marriage license. This certificate verifies your physical examination. It must be signed by both the bride and groom and also the physician. Physician's Certificates are accepted from other states as long as they have not exceeded the 15 day period.

## **Qualifications for Non-Residents:**

Non-Residents **CAN NOT** obtain a marriage license if the said marriage would be void in their state.

## **Return of License:**

The license must be returned to the County Clerk's office by the officiant of the ceremony within 10 days after the date of marriage.

## **Marriage by a Judge:**

If you wish to be married by a judge, you may make your own arrangements prior to the ceremony.

## **Obtaining a Certified Copy:**

A copy of your marriage license issued in Perry County may be obtained from the County Clerk's office. Include the maiden name of the bride, the groom's name, the date of marriage, and the fee of \$3.00. An additional copy of the same certificate may be obtained for \$2.00. Address your requests to:

Winton L. Bigham  
Perry County Clerk  
P. O. Box 438  
Pinckneyville, IL 62274

These certificates may also be picked up in person.

## **Things of Interest**

### **"Fairs"**

Perry County has two fairgrounds and annually each one holds their Fair. The Perry County Fair held in Pinckneyville is the oldest continuous fair in the State of Illinois and is held in July.

The Du Quoin State Fair held at Du Quoin is held the last week of August and ends on Labor Day. Each night, a gala night show is featured in front of the Grandstand to capacity crowds. The Fair also features one of the largest livestock expositions anywhere in the midwest.

## **“Mardi-Gras”**

The last Saturday of October, Pinckneyville celebrates Halloween with a gala celebration complete with a large parade including bands, floats, gala costumes and pretty girls. Large crowds attend each year as people come from all over Southern Illinois to take part. This past year marked the 58th anniversary of the event. Each year, the event is closed with the crowning of the new queen. The Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce sponsors the celebration.

## **“American Threshermen’s Power Progress Show”**

The third week of August, the Pinckneyville Fairgrounds comes alive with steam engines, old tractors, threshers, sawmills, veneering machines, antiques, novelty stands and what have you, including the largest exhibit of antique cars found anywhere in the midwest. For an enjoyable time and an experience you will not forget, you must attend.

## **“Shriner Circus”**

Du Quoin

## **Days the Courthouse is to be closed as listed as legal holidays in the Illinois Revised Statute:**

1. New Year’s Day
2. Martin Luther King’s Birthday
3. Lincoln’s Birthday
4. Washington’s Birthday
5. Good Friday
6. Memorial Day
7. July 4th
8. Labor Day
9. Columbus Day
10. Election Day when State Representatives are elected
11. Veteran’s Day
12. Thanksgiving Day
13. Christmas Day

